



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to allocate Public Benefit Program funds to extend the Lodi Appliance Rebate Program (\$60,000)

MEETING DATE: July 16, 2003

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to allocate Public Benefit Program funds to extend the Lodi Appliance Rebate Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: For several years, the City of Lodi has provided various rebates to residential and commercial customers for the purchase of designated and approved energy efficient appliances. The Lodi Appliance Rebate Program works as follows:

- eligible participants must be City of Lodi Electric Utility customers;
- the program will be offered until funds are exhausted;
- the maximum rebate per customer service address is \$250;
- rebates include \$50 for refrigerators, \$50 for manual defrost freezers, \$100 for front-load clothes washers, \$25 for single-room air conditioners, and \$25 for dishwashers;
- the approved, energy efficient appliance(s) must be purchased at one of the following Lodi retailers: Anderson Maytag, Ben's Appliance, FILCO of Lodi, Kundert & Bauer, Les' Appliance, and Reo's Appliance.

By installing energy efficient appliances in the home or place of business, customers may reduce energy consumption by as much as five percent each month (savings will vary depending upon the number of energy efficient appliances utilized and frequency of use- i.e.: dishwashers and single-room air conditioners do not run as frequently as refrigerators or freezers). Since the inception of the program, over 3,000 Lodi residents have participated in the Lodi Appliance Rebate Program.

The City of Lodi Electric Utility staff respectfully recommends approval of the Lodi Appliance Rebate Program as a qualifying component of the City of Lodi Public Benefits Program, and as a nationally recognized energy efficiency improvement for residential and commercial energy users.

FUNDING: Public Benefits Fund- 164605 (Demand-side Management)

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RESOLUTION NO. 2003-129

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE
PUBLIC BENEFITS PROGRAM GRANT – LODI APPLIANCE
REBATE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the state has mandated that beginning January 1, 1998, the City of Lodi is obligated to fund various programs through a Public Benefits Charge (PBC) based on an historical electric revenue requirement; and

WHEREAS, the requirement amounts to approximately \$1 million per year that must be dedicated to qualifying programs such as energy efficiency. A further stipulation is that these efforts must be done on the customer's side of the meter in order to qualify; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi's Public Benefits Program is comprised of four segments or customer groups: commercial/industrial, residential, community/non-profit, and municipal; and

WHEREAS, for several years, the City of Lodi has provided various rebates to residential and commercial customers for the purchase of designated and approved Energy efficient appliances. The Lodi Appliance Rebate Program works as follows:

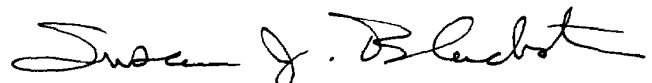
- 1) Eligible participants must be City of Lodi Electric Utility customers;
- 2) The program will be offered until funds are exhausted;
- 3) The maximum rebate per customer service address is \$250.00;
- 4) Rebates include \$50.00 for refrigerators, \$50.00 for manual defrost freezers, \$100.00 for front-load clothes washers, \$25.00 for single-room air conditioners, and \$25.00 for dishwashers; and
- 5) The approved, energy efficient appliance(s) must be purchased at one of the following Lodi retailers: Anderson Maytag, Ben's Appliance, FILCO of Lodi, Kundert & Bauer, Les' Appliance, and Reo's Appliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to provide a Public Benefits Program Grant in the amount of \$60,000.00 to fund the Lodi Appliance Rebate Program, specifically designed for Lodi residential and commercial energy users.

Dated: July 16, 2003

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2003-129 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held July 16, 2003, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Beckman, Hansen, Howard, and Land
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Mayor Hitchcock
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk